

Amendments to the Claims

This listing will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) A method for thickening the skin,
~~reducing susceptibility to, severity or duration of bruising~~
comprising applying a topical composition comprising a soy
extract, alpha hydroxy acid, and a vehicle to an area of the skin
in need of thickening once daily or twice daily for 8 weeks or
more.
2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the
alpha hydroxy acid is selected from the group consisting of
lactic acid, glycolic acid, and a combination thereof.
3. (Previously presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the
alpha hydroxy acid is lactic acid.
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the
soy extract is from about 0.01 wt% to about 0.1 wt% of the
topical composition.
6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the
topical composition further comprises a different, tertiary
component selected from the group consisting of:
 - (i) an estrogen synthetase stimulating compound;
 - (ii) a 5 alpha-reductase activity inhibiting compound;
 - (iii) an exfoliation-promoting compound;

- (iv) an ultraviolet (UV) light protecting/sunscreen agent;
- (v) a retinoid;
- (vi) a hirsutism inhibiting agent;
- (vii) a barrier function enhancing agent;
- (viii) a collagen enhancing agent;
- (ix) an elastase inhibitor;
- (x) a skin lightening agent;
- (xi) an antioxidant;
- (xii) a skin cooling agent; and
- (xiii) any mixtures thereof.

7. (Previously presented) The method of claim of claim 6, wherein the tertiary component is the exfoliation-promoting compound selected from the group consisting of β -hydroxy acids, keto acids, oxa acids, oxa diacids, derivatives thereof, and any mixture thereof.

8. (Previously presented) The method of claim 6, wherein the exfoliation-promoting compound is 3,6,9-trioxaundecanedioic acid.

9. (Previously presented) The method of claim 6, wherein the topical composition comprises two or more tertiary components and each of said tertiary components is selected from a different group of said tertiary components.

10. (Previously presented) The method of claim 6, wherein the topical composition further comprises a different, quaternary component selected from the group consisting of: antifungals, vitamins, anti-inflammatory agents, antimicrobials, analgesics, nitric oxide synthase inhibitors, insect repellents, self-tanning agents, surfactants, moisturizers, stabilizers, preservatives, antiseptics, thickeners, lubricants, humectants, chelating

agents, skin penetration enhancers, emollients, fragrances, colorants, and any mixture thereof.

11. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~method includes applying~~ topical composition is applied twice daily.

12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the vehicle is selected from the group consisting of: solid, solution, essence, serum, pencil, spray, lotion, emulsion, cream, micro-emulsion, gel, ointment, patch, tape, and powder.

13. (Currently amended) A method for reducing susceptibility to, severity or duration of bruising ~~in perimenopausal or menopausal women~~ comprising applying a topical composition comprising a soy extract, alpha hydroxy acid, and a vehicle to a susceptible or affected area of the skin once or twice daily for 12 weeks or more.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently amended) The method of claim 13 ~~14~~, wherein the soy extract comprises from about 0.01 wt% to about 0.1 wt% of the topical composition.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently amended) The method of claim 13 ~~14~~, wherein the topical composition further comprises a different, tertiary ingredient selected from the group consisting of:

- (i) an estrogen synthetase stimulating compound;
- (ii) a 5 alpha-reductase activity inhibiting compound;
- (iii) an exfoliation-promoting compound;

- (iv) an ultraviolet (UV) light protecting/sunscreen agent;
- (v) a retinoid;
- (vi) a hirsutism inhibiting agent;
- (vii) a barrier function enhancing agent;
- (viii) a collagen enhancing agent;
- (ix) an elastase inhibitor;
- (x) a skin lightening agent;
- (xi) an antioxidant;
- (xii) a skin cooling agent; and
- (xiii) any mixtures thereof.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Previously presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the vehicle is selected from the group consisting of a solid, solution, essence, serum, pencil, spray, lotion, emulsion, cream, micro-emulsion, gel, ointment, patch, tape, and powder.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 22, wherein the at least one different, tertiary component is selected from the group consisting of:

- (i) an exfoliation-promoting compound;
- (ii) an ultraviolet (UV) light protecting/sunscreen agent;
- (iii) a retinoid;
- (iv) a skin lightening agent;
- (v) an antioxidant;
- (vi) a skin cooling agent; and

(vii) any mixtures thereof.

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 ~~2~~, wherein the alpha hydroxy acid is present from about 1 wt% to about 20 wt% of the topical composition.

29. (Currently amended) The method of claim 13 ~~22~~, wherein the alpha hydroxy acid is present from about 1 wt% to about 20 wt% of the topical composition.

30. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the topical composition is applied to an area of the skin in need of thickening once daily or twice daily for 12 weeks or more.